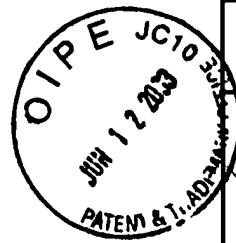


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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED  
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)  
SUN-P5851

First named inventor: Thomas G. O'Neill

Application No.: 10/008,638

Art Unit: 2621

Filed: December 4, 2001

Examiner: (to be assigned)

Title: REPRESENTATION OF SIGN IN ENCODING SCHEME

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

Small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity - fee \$1,300.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

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has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.

is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$

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## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

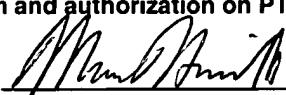
Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming a period equivalent to the period of abandonment is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

## 4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D))].

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Terminal Disclaimer Form

Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

Other: Replacement drawings, copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers; return postcard

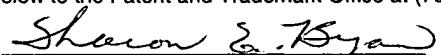
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Statement Establishing Unintentional Delay  
Under MPEP 711.03(c)(iii)(C) and (D)

This petition accompanies a response to the Notice to File Corrected Application in the above-identified application. The entire delay in filing this required reply before the due date was unintentional.

This application was filed by Sean Lewis, in-house counsel for Sun Microsystems, Inc. and until recently was being handled by Sun Microsystems, Inc. A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was apparently placed in the file at some point, but no date stamp or other marker indicates when that may have been. However, Sean Lewis has indicated that he normally places his initials on any correspondence he sees, so the notice did not come through his desk. The notice was never entered into any sort of calendaring system, so Sun Microsystems, Inc. was not aware of any due date. Additionally, a file history ordered from the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicates that no Notice of Abandonment was ever sent, thus compounding the error.

This error went unnoticed until it was recently transferred to the law firm of Thelen Reid & Priest, where the notice and the lack of a reply was discovered. This was immediately investigated. Once the facts surrounding the lack of reply were discovered, this petition was prepared. The entire delay was unintentional by all parties involved.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the number indicated on the petition form.

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